

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 17, 2024

DEFENCE

➤ MILAN Naval Exercise

- ✓ The 12th edition of the MILAN naval exercise is poised to set sail in the strategic port city of Visakhapatnam from February 19 to 27, marking a significant gathering of naval forces from over 50 countries.



- ✓ This year's theme, "Forging Naval Alliances for a Secure Maritime Future," underscores the exercise's commitment to enhancing global maritime security through cooperation and strategic dialogue.
- ✓ MILAN 2023 seeks to bolster the safety of maritime trade, a vital artery of the global economy, through shared efforts and expertise.

REPORT

➤ State of India's Digital Economy Report, 2024

- ✓ India is now the world's third-most digitalized nation, behind only China and the USA, two of the world's most powerful technology economies.



- ✓ The “State of India’s Digital Economy Report, 2024,” published by the esteemed Delhi-based think tank Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), includes this noteworthy discovery.
- ✓ The research provides an in-depth analysis of India’s online environment, praising it in comparison to other industrialized nations while also pointing out places where digital engagement at the user level might be enhanced.
- ✓ To assess national digital capabilities across five essential dimensions—connect, harness, innovate, defend, and sustain—ICRIER’s study makes use of the novel ‘CHIPS’ paradigm.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Global Tourism Resilience Day: February 17**
- ✓ The United Nations’ Global Tourism Resilience Day, celebrated for the first time on February 17, 2023, marks a significant step towards acknowledging and enhancing the resilience of the tourism industry.



- ✓ This initiative aims to foster a tourism sector that can withstand both foreseen and unforeseen challenges, thereby ensuring its contribution to sustainable development and economic stability, especially in developing countries.

